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1. Alterations to existing bio-med pckgs ref to in ref msg indicates living specimens are being eliminated from both shots 3 and 4.
2. If interpretation ref msg correct such is contrary to agreement made at Schriever, Johnson, Bissell mtg 25 Mar. Our position re this matter has been and continues to be that living specimens are vital ingredients to our being able to maintain the cover of the COR program.
3. The agreement to eliminate mice from shot 3 was made with the understanding that subsequent shots wld not be affected.
4. The COR cover plan has been centered around the bio-med experiments and a public announcement has been made (and is constantly referred to by the press) that bio-med experiment will be conducted during the early phases of the program.
5. It must be realized that as an org we have been committed to protect the mission of the COR program. The cover plan developed to accomplish this task was coordinated and approved by all agencies associated in this effort. To eliminate the basic ingredient of the cover plan wld transform it into a useless document.
6. We are extremely concerned over any considerations to eliminate mice from the experiments. Success in recovering a vehicle without mice could produce as much criticism as would failure using live specimens.
7. Shld the above be a misinterpretation of the ref msg text we offer our apologies. On the other hand, what has herein been stated is the consensus of this HQS believed worthy of documentation.